


ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICES
of
DALTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998



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TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

Donald F. Mooney
Dean Sweeney
Victor St.Cyr

Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2001

TOWN CLERK

Sandra B. York

TAX COLLECTOR

Eldora B. Shannon

TREASURER

Eleanor Hart

AUDITOR

Francis Dineen

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Nancy McVetty

POLICE CHIEF

John E. Tholl, Jr.

ROAD AGENT

Robert C. Wentworth, Jr.

MODERATOR

Charles Packard

FIRE CHIEF

Allen Blakslee

HEALTH OFFICER

Kevin Sweeney

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICER

John Tholl

LIBRARIAN

Doris Mitton

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Jean Abbott
Amber McGuire
Nancy Comeau

Term Expires 1999
Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2001

PLANNING BOARD

Leon Cloutier, Chairman
Edward Tomashek
Linda Cloutier
Agnes Mooney
Victor St.Cyr

Appointment Expires 2000
Appointment Expires 2000
Appointment Expires 2000
Appointment Expires 2001
Appointment Expires 2001

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Sara Martineau
Pauline Streeter
Vera Smith

Term Expires 2000
Term Expires 2002
Term Expires 2004

PHONE NUMBERS

To Report Any Emergency	DIAL 911
Canine Control Officer, Eldora Shannon	837-9234
Fire Department - non emergency	837-3100
Highway Garage	837-9821
Library	837-2751
Police Department - non emergency	837-2703
Selectmen's Office	837-2092
Tax Collector	837-9802
Town Clerk	837-2092
Fax Line	837-9642

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Highway Department	7 AM - 3:30 PM	Mon-Fri
Library	2 PM - 5 PM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM 10 AM - 12 noon	Mon & Wed Wed Saturday
Police Department	5 PM - 8 PM 10 AM - 12 noon	Monday Every other Sat
Selectmen's Office & Town Clerk	1 PM to 5:45 PM 8 AM to 4 PM	Monday Tues - Fri
Tax Collector	1 PM to 6 PM	Monday
Transfer Station	12 noon - 5 PM 12:30 PM - 5 PM 8 AM - 5 PM	Tuesday Thursday Saturday

Selectmen meet every Monday (except holidays) at 6:00 PM
Planning Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at
7:30 PM

Dalton Town Warrant

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Dalton, NH on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, to act upon the itemized subjects to follow. The polls will open at 8 a.m. in the forenoon and will close at 7 p.m. The business meeting will be held at the Dalton School Gymnasium and will be opened at 7 o'clock in the evening.

1. To elect all necessary officers for the year.
2. To see if the town will vote to change the position of the Tax Collector from an elected position to an appointed position. If passed this article will take effect in 2000. Ballot vote required.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$34,192), such sum to come from surplus, to pay the remaining balance on the garage note of \$15,043.83 and \$19,148.17 for renovations to the Town Hall. Taxes will not be raised with this appropriation.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eighty One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$481,956) for general Town operations.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve fund previously established for the purchase and replacement of highway equipment. The Selectmen recommend this article.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand dollars (\$16,000) for the purchase of eight new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCAB's).

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Sewer Pump Renovation and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) for the second year of the two year plan for the final engineering costs to close out the Town's Transfer Station.

9. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$425) for the Town's share of the Operating Budget for the Mt. Washington Regional Airport Authority for the current fiscal year.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to support the Great North Woods Advisory Board in their efforts to promote tourism within the Great North Woods region.

11. Polling hours in the town of Dalton are now 8 AM to 7PM. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that the polls shall open at 11 AM and close at 7 PM for all regular state elections beginning at the next state election.

12. To see if the town of Dalton wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000).

13. To see if the town will give the Selectmen the authority to institute immediate and mandatory recycling practices by Dalton residents at the Town Transfer Station should the landfill in Bethlehem, NH be closed before the next Town Meeting in March 2000. Petitioned article.

14. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of replacing the Police Cruiser when needed and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund and furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.. The Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars \$8,500 for the purchase of equipment needed to make the disposal of solid waste more economical: equipment would include a "compactor", a "baler", a truck or a forklift.

16. To see if the town will vote to create an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Transfer Station Repair, Replacement and Equipment Fund and to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) toward this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.

17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the construction of a shed to house the emergency generator to be obtained from the Office of Emergency Management.

18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to help support The Caleb Group Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program that serves the needs of elderly and disabled people in the community. Petitioned article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Board of Selectmen,
Donald F. Mooney
Dean Sweeney
Victor St.Cyr

Budget for 1999

<i>General Government</i>	Appropriated 1998	Actual 1998	Estimated 1999
Executive	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 5,623.23	\$ 7,200.00
North Country Council	760.00	760.45	800.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord Senior Meals	400.00	400.00	400.00
Juvenile Diversion Program	470.00	470.00	470.00
Town Clerk	5,000.00	5,243.43	6,000.00
Voter Registration	1,200.00	1,054.21	500.00
Election	1,500.00	1,500.00	500.00
Financial Administration	43,000.00	37,182.82	50,000.00
Legal Expense	5,000.00	2,768.27	5,000.00
Social Security	8,500.00	8,143.49	8,500.00
Medicare	2,200.00	1,903.82	2,200.00
State Unemployment Tax	2,200.00	746.65	2,200.00
Workers' Compensation Fund	2,000.00	692.00	2,000.00
Employee Health Insurance	18,300.00	19,789.97	24,300.00
Planning & Zoning	1,300.00	307.55	700.00
General Govt. Bldgs.	7,500.00	5,772.73	7,500.00
 Cemeteries	 6,000.00	 9,212.71	 6,000.00

Property-Liability Insurance

18,000.00 14,610.00 18,000.00

Public Safety

Police

34,700.00*

34,584.39

26,500.00

Ambulance

2,200.00

2,200.00

2,200.00

Fire

15,000.00

14,989.50

17,250.00

Fire Lanes

500.00

500.00

500.00

Emergency Management

275.00

500.00

Forest Fire Control

500.00

280.28

500.00

Highways & Streets

182,500.00 182,691.15 182,500.00

Street Lighting

1,000.00

880.26

1,000.00

Sanitation

Solid Waste

36,000.00

37,455.20

40,000.00

Sewage

12,500.00

3,870.43

12,500.00

* In 1998, the Police Department received \$104.00 for copies of reports.

	Appropriated 1998	Actual 1998	Estimated 1999
<i>Water Services</i>	100.00	5.00	100.00
<i>Health</i>			
Health Administration	250.00	202.03	250.00
Health Agencies	3,019.00	3,019.80	3,111.00
Animal Control	1,200.00	963.75*	1,200.00
<i>Welfare</i>			
Direct Assistance	2,000.00	437.92	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00	800.00	800.00
<i>Culture and Recreation</i>			
Parks & Recreation	500.00	404.16	500.00
Library	8,700.00	8,700.00	8,700.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00	--.---	100.00
<i>Conservation Commission</i>	250.00	250.00	350.00

* Animal Control has generated \$1,139.00 in fines in 1998.

Debt Service			
Principal-Long Term Notes	21,853.00	21,852.81	21,875.00
Interest-Long Term Notes	7,631.00	7,647.99	6,250.00
Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	10,000.00	---	10,000.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 473,108.00	\$ 434,916.00	\$481,956 .00
Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accts. (1998 Warrant Articles: # 4, 5, 7)	21,000.00	21,000.00	
Other 1998 Warrant Articles:			
Windows for Town Hall and Reval note balance	23,643.89	23,643.89	
Provan & Lorber Article #8	4,500.00	4,500.00	
White Mt. Regional Airport Article #10	433.00	433.00	
Caleb Article #12	1,500.00	1,500.00	
PREP Article #14	900.00	---	
Audit Article #15	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Great North Woods Article #17	300.00	300.00	

1998 Under Budget by \$34,192.00

ASSESSMENTS

Executive	\$ 7,200.00
Other General Government	1,630.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	7,700.00
Financial Administration	43,000.00
Legal Expenses	5,000.00
Personnel Administration	14,900.00
Employee Health Insurance	18,300.00
Planning & Zoning	1,300.00
General Government Buildings	7,500.00
Cemeteries	6,000.00
Property/Liability Insurance	18,000.00
Police	34,700.00
Ambulance	2,200.00
Fire	15,000.00
Fire Lanes	500.00
Forest Fire Control	500.00
Emergency Management	275.00
Highway	182,500.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Solid Waste	36,000.00
Sewage	12,500.00
Water Services	100.00
Health Agencies and Hospitals	3,019.00
Health Administration	250.00
Animal Control	1,200.00
Direct Assistance	2,000.00
Community Action Program	800.00
Parks & Recreation	500.00
Library	8,700.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Conservation Commission	250.00
Capital Outlay	1,000.00
Principal - Long Term Debt	21,853.00
Interest - Long Term Debt	7,631.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	\$473,108.00

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Yield Taxes	10,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	35,000.00
Other Taxes	100.00
Inventory Penalties	3,000.00
Business Licenses and Permits	200.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	70,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,500.00
Shared Revenue	7,638.00
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	12,702.00
Highway Block Grant	64,752.00
Water Pollution Grants	10,424.00
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	504.00
Railroad Tax	3,473.00
Income from Departments	1,500.00
Sale of Municipal Property	6,000.00
Interest on Investments	2,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	7,300.00
Sewer	7,360.00
From Capital Reserve Funds	51,500.00
Voted From Surplus	23,644.00
Fund Balance	40,000.00
Trust and Agency Funds	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	\$360,597.00
Net Town Appropriations	\$238,758.00

SELECTMEN'S REPORT SUMMARY INVENTORY

Current Use Land	\$ 1,417,343.00
Residential Land	9,958,500.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	144,700.00
Residential Buildings	20,500,700.00
Manufactured Housing	3,025,000.00
Commercial/Industrial Buildings	5,312,847.00
Public Utilities	735,689.00

Total Valuation Before Exemptions **\$41,094,779.00**

Less Elderly Exemptions	245,000.00
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Net Valuation **\$40,849,779.00**

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall Land, Building and Contents	\$184,300.00
Furniture and Equipment	13,500.00
Police Department Equipment	43,800.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	120,000.00
Fire Station Building and Contents	146,700.00
Fire Dept. Vehicles	75,000.00
Town Highway Garage and Contents	98,900.00
Highway Dept. Vehicles	358,653.00
Parks and Playgrounds	18,450.00
Pump Station and Contents	134,000.00

Total Town Property	\$1,193,303.00
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TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Appropriations	\$585,085.00
Less Revenues	363,921.00
Less Shared Revenues	6,182.00
Add: Overlay	10,250.00
War Service Credits	11,200.00

Approved Town Effort **\$236,432.00**

Due to Regional School District	\$696,456.00
Less Shared Revenue	13,208.00

Approved School Effort **\$683,248.00**

Due to County	\$163,239.00
Less Shared Revenue	1,216.00

Approved County Effort **\$162,023.00**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$1,081,703.00
Less War Service Credits	11,200.00

Total Property Tax Commitment **\$1,070,503.00**

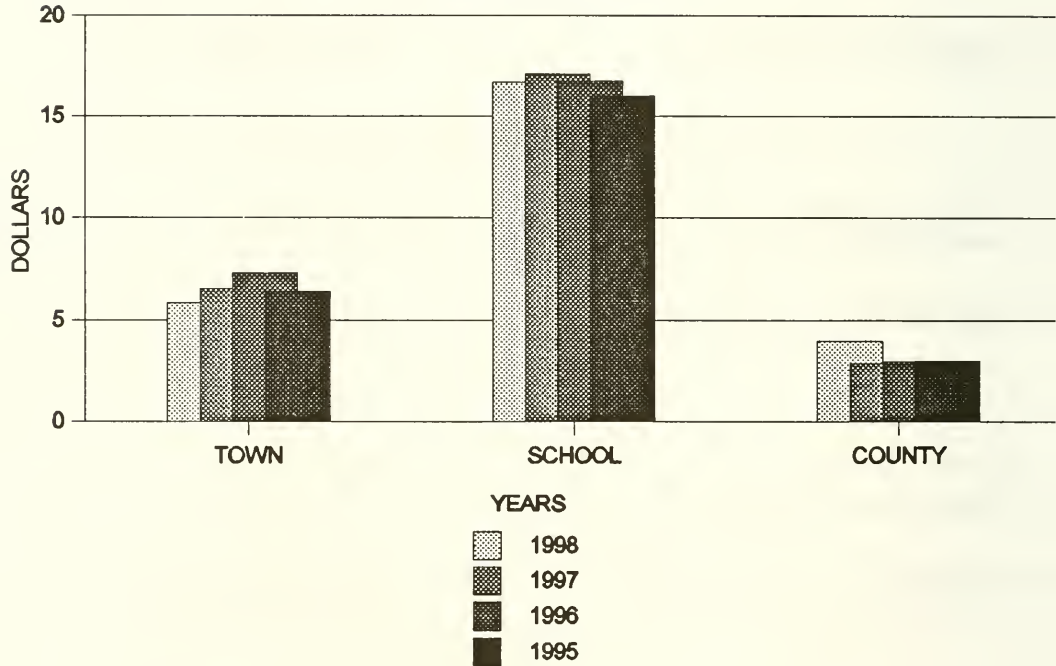
Approved Tax Rate

\$26.48

Town - \$5.85 School - \$16.67 County - \$3.96

DALTON TAX RATE

1995 THRU 1998



1998 - \$26.48	Town - \$5.85	School - \$16.67	County - \$3.96
1997 - \$26.47	Town - \$6.52	School - \$17.08	County - \$2.87
1996 - \$27.00	Town - \$7.29	School - \$16.74	County - \$2.97
1995 - \$25.39	Town - \$6.40	School - \$16.00	County - \$2.99

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance General Checking Account - 12/31/97
\$ 13,219.52

1998 Receipts

Tax Collector	\$ 1,552,251.51
Town Clerk	88,106.50
Selectmen	146,524.70
Boat	<u>99.84</u>

Total Receipts **\$ 1,786,982.55**

Transfers from PDIP* Account
to General Checking Account + 421,400.00

Transfers to PDIP* Account
from General Checking Account - 673,000.00

1998 Payments-Order of Selectmen **- 1,537,172.48**

Total \$ 11,429.59

Interest Earned **+ 1,462.57**

Balance Checking Account 12/31/98 **\$ 12,892.16**

* NH Public Deposit Investment Pool Account

Opened 7/29/98

Transfer from General Checking \$ 300,000.00

Transfer from General Checking 373,000.00

Total \$ 673,000.00

Transfer to General Checking 421,400.00

Total \$ 251,600.00

Interest Earned **4,508.95**

Balance 12/31/98 **\$ 256,108.95**

SEWER SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance 12/31/97	\$ 2,171.26
Deposits	<u>8,414.96</u>
Total	\$10,586.22
Interest Earned	<u>58.51</u>
Total	\$10,644.73
Withdrawals	<u>- 5,520.00</u>
Balance 12/31/98	\$ 5,124.73

Dalton Conservation Commission Account

Balance 12/31/97	\$ 9,157.02
Deposits	<u>250.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,407.02
Interest Earned	<u>68.70</u>
Total	\$ 9,475.72
Withdrawals	-200.00
Transfer to PDIP	<u>-9,000.00</u>
Balance 12/31/98	\$ 275.72

Dalton Conservation Commission NH PDIP Account

Transferred from General Fund 7/29/98	\$ 9,000.00
Interest Earned	<u>191.78</u>
Balance 12/31/98	\$ 9,191.78

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Balance January 1998	\$42,491.11
New Funds Created	10,000.00
Proceeds from sales	1,549.00
Interest from 1998 CD's	1,027.02
Funds expended during 1998	<u>35,579.93</u>
	\$19,487.20

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HEAVY EQUIPMENT

Balance January 1998	\$53,389.96
New Funds Created	10,000.00
Interest from 1998 CD's	\$ 3,382.73
Funds expended during 1998	<u>45,056.00</u>
	\$ 21,716.69

SEWER ACCOUNT FUNDS

Balance January 1998	\$ 5,519.54
New Funds Created	1,000.00
Interest from 1996 CD's	<u>229.31</u>
	\$ 6,748.85

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Balance Jan 1, 1998	\$19,866.40
Funds created during 1998	200.00
Interest from 1998 CD's	<u>993.46</u>
	\$21,059.86
Withdrawn for Cemetery Care	<u>\$-993.46</u>
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$20,066.40

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1998

DEBITS

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:

1998 Permits Issued	\$84,784.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 84,784.00

Dog Licenses and Penalties Collected:

Licenses	\$ 2,090.50	
Penalties	1,139.00	
Less 305 Fees	<u>305.00</u>	
		2,924.50

Filing Fees		8.00
Vital Statistics		<u>390.00</u>

TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 88,106.50
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 84,784.00
Dog Licenses and Penalties	2,924.50
Filing Fees	8.00
Vital Statistics	<u>390.00</u>

TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 88,106.50
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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued in 1998	1,232
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Boat Agent	\$ 99.84
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REVENUE FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Highway Block Grant	\$ 64,752.21
Revenue Sharing	31,567.84
State Aid-Sewer	10,424.00
Railroad Tax	4,165.73
Rooms & Meals	12,701.58
Grant for Police Department	10,000.00
Forest Lands	<u>638.55</u>

TOTAL **\$134,249.91**

REVENUE FROM SELECTMEN

Refunds-Miscellaneous	77.39
Transfer from Cemetery Acct. to General Fund	993.46
Business Licenses & Permits	205.00
Donations	100.00
Sale of Town Property-Cemetery Lots	1,850.00
Police Department Grant - Macy's	500.00
Sale of Town Property-Highway Department	4,346.00
Planning Board	362.97
Fines and Forfeitures	100.00
Copy Money	195.82
Refuse Charges	2,020.05
Insurance Dividends	1,241.46
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>282.64</u>
Total	12,274.79

Grand Total **\$ 146,524.70**

Petty Cash Revenue **\$ 162.80**

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive

Board of Selectmen	\$ 3,000.00
Printing & Public Notices	1,112.30
Dues	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>510.93</u>

Total Executive **\$ 5,623.23**

Other General Government

Juvenile Diversion Program	470.00
Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, Senior Meals	400.00
North Country Council	760.45
Sub Total	<u>\$ 1,630.45</u>
Mt. Washington Airport	433.00
Caleb	1,500.00
Great North Woods	<u>300.00</u>

Total Other General Government **\$ 3,863.45**

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Fees	2,504.00
Town Clerk Salary	1,000.00
Department of Agriculture	550.00
Office Expenses	340.43
Deputy Town Clerk	423.00
Dues	36.00
Payments to State	<u>390.00</u>

Total Town Clerk **\$ 5,243.43**

Voter Registration

Supervisors' Salaries	565.00
Voting Booth	373.19
Public Notices	<u>116.02</u>

Total Voter Registration **\$ 1,054.21**

Election

Election Workers	662.50
Moderator and Assistant Moderator	225.00
Voting Booth	470.00
Meals	<u>142.50</u>

Total Election **\$1,500.00**

Financial Administration

Administrative Assistant Salary	18,088.00
Tax Collector Fees	5,120.00
Tax Collector Salary	4,000.00
Auditor	500.00
Treasurer	2,400.00
Trustee of the Trust Funds	500.00
Mapping Services	507.00
Registry Fees	713.10
Maintenance & Repairs	168.10
Office Supplies	2,826.36
Postage	1,933.26
Dues	40.00
RSA's	<u>387.00</u>

Total Financial Administration **\$37,182.82**

Legal Expenses **\$ 2,768.27**

Reval Note **\$ 15,043.83**

Personnel Administration

Workers' Compensation Fund	692.00
Social Security	8,143.49
State Unemployment Tax	746.65
Medicare	<u>1,903.82</u>

Total Personnel Administration **\$11,485.96**

Planning & Zoning

Public Notices	135.70
Postage	3.85
Miscellaneous	<u>168.00</u>

Total Planning & Zoning **\$307.55**

General Government Buildings

Telephone	1,992.68
Heat	1,033.57
Electric	1,293.16
Custodian	566.28
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>887.04</u>
Sub Total	\$ 5,772.73
Windows	<u>8,600.06</u>

Total General Government Buildings **\$14,372.79**

Cemeteries

Maintenance	3,070.00
Supplies & Contracting Work	<u>6,142.71</u>

Total Cemeteries **\$ 9,212.71**

Property-Liability Insurance **\$ 14,610.00**

Health Insurance **\$19,789.97**

Police Department

Chief's Salary	\$ 13,000.00
Equipment	3,842.49
Specials Pay	1,954.86
Fuel	755.28
Uniforms	511.20
Telephone	831.95
Communications	354.20
Dues, Conventions	305.00
Radio Maintenance	112.95
Reference Material	834.27

Office Expenses	2,388.49
Expenses	418.10
Training	156.78
Vehicle Expense	398.30
Cruiser Payment	<u>8,720.52</u>
Sub Total	\$ 34,584.39
Grant for Radios	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Police Department	\$ 44,584.39
Animal Control	
Officer Salary	252.00
Mileage	168.25
Supplies	4.50
Boarding & Euthanasia	<u>539.00</u>
Total Animal Control	\$ 963.75
Ambulance	\$ 2,200.00
Fire Department	
Maintenance, Refills & Repairs	6,719.10
Telephone	459.38
Training & Salaries	1,953.36
New Equipment	2,953.44
Heat	935.24
Electric	725.49
Chief's Salary	500.00
Fire Prevention Supplies	144.29
Gas & Diesel	408.88
Office Supplies	<u>190.32</u>
Total Fire Department	\$ 14,989.50
Civil Defense	\$ 0
Forest Fire Control	\$280.28

Fire Lanes	\$ 500.00
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Highway

Administration

Highway Salaries	68,436.89
Building Maintenance & Repairs	869.18
Uniforms	600.00
Electric	1,024.45
Telephone	555.31
Office Supplies	2,438.21
Shop Supplies	3,894.61
Tools	<u>2,986.22</u>
Sub Total Administration	\$ 80,804.87

Paving & Reconstruction

Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	7,099.12
Maintenance & Supplies	7,314.72
Asphalt, Gravel, Dust Control	61,909.64
Gas/Diesel	<u>5,257.75</u>

Sub Total Paving & Reonstruction	\$ 81,581.23
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Snow & Ice Control	\$20,305.05
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Total Highway	\$182,691.15
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Street Lighting	\$880.26
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Solid Waste

Disposal Fees	31,617.45
Superintendent Salary	<u>5,837.75</u>
Sub Total	\$ 37,455.20
Provan & Lorber	<u>572.98</u>

Total Solid Waste	\$ 38,028.18
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Sewage Disposal	
Superintendent Salary	1,586.25
Utilities	1,621.64
Maintenance & Repairs	<u>662.54</u>
Total Sewage Disposal	\$3,870.43
Water Services	\$ 5.00
Health Administration	\$202.03
Health Agencies	\$ 3,019.80
Welfare	
Direct Assistance	437.92
Community Action Program	<u>800.00</u>
Total Welfare	\$ 1,237.92
Culture & Recreation	
Library	8,700.00
Parks & Recreation	<u>404.16</u>
Total Culture & Recreation	\$ 9,104.16
Patriotic Purposes	0.00
Conservation Commission	\$250.00
Refunds	\$11,420.66
Principal-Long Term Debt	
Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	10,000.00
Fleet-Highway Garage Note	11,428.00
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>424.81</u>
Total Principal	\$ 21,852.81

Interest-Long Term Debt

Shawmut/NHMBB-Sewer Bond	4,802.50
Fleet-Highway Garage Note	1,903.30
FHA-Sewer Note	<u>942.19</u>

Total Interest **\$ 7,647.99**

Capital Outlay **\$1, 000.00**

Transfers from General Fund to Capital Reserve Accounts

Payment to Fire Department
Capital Reserve Account 10,000.00

Payment to Highway Department
Capital Reserve Account 10,000.00

Payment to Sewer Pump Renovation
& Replacement Capital Reserve Account 1,000.00

Total Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds \$ 21,000.00

Taxes Paid to County **\$ 163,239.00**

Taxes Paid to School **\$ 759,098.00**

Tax Lien **\$ 96,676.12**

Encumbrances

Landfill Closure 10,306.69
(Beginning Balance 1/1/98 \$10,306.69)

E911
(Beginning Balance 1/1/98 \$1,469.61) 228.94
(Balance 12/31/98 \$1,240.67)

Total **\$10, 535.63**

1998 Total Payments	\$1,537,335.28
Less Petty Cash Disbursements:	
Financial Administration	21.60
Fire Department	16.28
General Government Buildings	63.24
Planning Board	3.85
Transfer Station	17.16
Highway Dept	10.30
Executive	2.45
Voter Registration	3.17
Canine Control	3.00
Police Department	<u>21.75</u>
Total Petty Cash Disbursements	\$162.80

1998 Payments-Order of Selectmen	\$1,537,172.48
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1998 SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Another fine year has flown by and many challenges have presented themselves to the Select Board and the Town. Some of which we were able to take care of with not to much trouble. While others, like how the removal of trash from our town is to be settled, will be an ongoing battle. With the aid of Dick Rush, who has recently agreed to head the Conservation Commission as well as working closely with the transfer station operation, the problems that exist will be easier to handle. There were several setbacks in the work schedule for the proposed opening of the transfer station but the project has been completed this year and is fully operational.

We want to welcome Kevin Sweeney aboard as the official Health Officer, and we are pleased to say that we have seen a wise and sensible approach to the many situations that have arisen. Kevin will be a great resource for the town.

At the time this letter is being written, we are actively pursuing all avenues that present themselves to us that will be used to solve the problem that has, we feel, been caused by the reckless actions of DRA (Department of Revenue Administration) and their failure to recognize that not all towns are the same, and need to be approached in ways that pertain to their situations.

Hopefully, we will be able to replace the windows and finish the siding on the Town Building. Anyone who would like to help us when we get started, please contact any of the Selectmen or Sandy at the town office and we will be glad to have you help us.

There was a tremendous amount of work done at the John's River Cemetery this year. Anyone driving by can see the improvements that were made. There is still some work to be completed, which we hope to finish in 1999. The base for the road in the new section of the Cushman Cemetery was put in this past summer as well as new fencing.

It is our goal to pay off the mortgage that is on the town garage early and thereby save on the interest that we would otherwise have to pay. Both the work on the town building and the early payoff on the town garage can be accomplished with dollars that will not add to our tax bill.

It was a great pleasure and honor for the Selectmen to present the Boston Post Cane to Zenaide Bradley who is our most senior citizen.

With the addition of the new town truck, the operation of the road department will be far more reliable.

We wish to thank all the Departments for the outstanding job that they have done this past year. It is the unselfish giving by everyone that makes us proud to be a part of such a fine Town.

Donald F. Mooney
Dean Sweeney
Victor St.Cyr
Board of Selectmen

1998 DALTON HIGHWAY REPORT

Another year has come and gone and much has been accomplished. Those accomplishments include eight tenths of a mile on Faraway Road being shimmed and overlaid, and the shoulder gravel put in place on French Road. The transfer station move was completed and opened for use, and although much remains to be done there, the majority of the project is done. New roads at the John's River and Cushman cemeteries were put in and some of the older roads extended.

Goals for 1999 include paving eight tenths of a mile on Harriman Road, and further preparation on that road for future pavement. Other paving to be done is a sixty foot apron at the end of Union Road. Some shimming needs to be done on Ridge Road to continue holding that together.

Normal maintenance of all roads in town will continue.

As always, any questions or comments are welcomed by this department.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C. Wentworth, Jr. Road Agent

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Dalton Fire Department responded to seventeen calls in 1998. This is one response more than our decade low in 1997. Four were considered severe. Eight calls were for mutual aid.

The Department has maintained a full complement of twenty firefighters, an accomplishment in and of itself.

We have continued to emphasize training. Eleven evening sessions were held. Many members also attended a one day exercise with the Whitefield Fire Department. Carl Brooks is currently completing the over two hundred hour course to become a New Hampshire State certified firefighter. Several other members plan to enter the next available course. Carl will bring the total of certified firefighters currently serving in the department to eleven.

A large tanker, replacing two smaller trucks, will be completed early in 1999. Assistant Chief Charles Packard directed members in the search and work sessions that will provide an excellent piece of apparatus. We are certain this tanker will serve the town for many years to come.

We are currently improving our second tanker by combining the best of two pieces of apparatus. These projects will provide our department with an excellent water supply ability.

Our goals for 1999 include

- . Completion of the tanker project
- . Improving personal protection equipment
- . Continued emphasis on training for all members

I would like to thank the members of the department for their enthusiasm, and the Fireman's Auxiliary and the residents of Dalton for your continued support.

Allen Blakslee, Fire Chief

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire and timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	44
Carroll	89
Cheshire	67
Coos	18
Grafton	43
Hillsborough	232
Merrimack	108
Rockingham	121
Strafford	64
Sullivan	12

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	59
Debris Burning	38
Campfire	29
Power Line	14
Railroad	9
Equipment Use	24
Lightning	16
Children	95
OHRV	6
Miscellaneous	53
Unknown	140
Fireworks	6
Arson/Suspicious	16
Illegal	231
Rekindle	43
Disposal of ashes	19

TOTAL FIRES 798
TOTAL ACRES 442.86

Richard C. Belmore, Forest Ranger Allen C. Blakslee, Forest Fire Warden

1998 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TOWN OF DALTON

1998 brought change to Dalton Emergency Management with the resignation of Director John York. John has served the town well in his capacity as Emergency Management Director over the past years, and we will miss him.

This year the town has been advised that they will be receiving a 100KW Diesel Emergency Generator in the near future. This will be at no cost to the town, and should provide much needed emergency power to the Fire Department and Town Hall.

The town may also receive a computer program (CAMEO) that will allow more timely planning for Hazard Material Accidents and the possible need for evacuation should a Haz Mat incident occur.

We will be actively seeking any and all material and/or equipment that will benefit the town that may become available at either no cost or at extremely reduced costs.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Tholl Jr.
Emergency Management Director

1998 POLICE REPORT TOWN OF DALTON

1998 again saw a decrease in reported incidents from a high of 74 in 1997 to 41 in 1998. However, a corresponding increase in the seriousness was apparent.*

Accident investigation also declined from a high of 21 in 1997 to 17 in 1998, with a corresponding decrease in traffic violations, from 24 in 1997 to 14 in 1998.

INVESTIGATIVE STATISTICS

Murder/ Non Negligent Manslaughter	1 (Assist)	2.4%
Aggravated Assault	3	7.3%
Simple Assault	3	7.3%
Intimidation	4	9.8%
Burglary	1	2.4%
Theft From a Building	2	4.9%
Theft From a Motor Vehicle	1	2.4%
Theft of MV Parts	1	2.4%
All Other Larceny	3	7.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	4.9%
False Pretenses/ Swindle	1	2.4%
Vandalism	3	7.3%
Bad Checks	1	2.4%
DWI	2	4.9%
Family Offenses , Non Violent	1	2.4%
Runaway	1	2.4%
Trespass	3	7.3%
All Other Offenses	<u>8</u>	<u>19.8%</u>
Totals	41	100%

* Animal complaints were not included in the statics for this year.

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUES

Copies of Reports	\$ 104.00
Pistol Permits	<u>\$ 196.00</u>
Total	\$ 200.00

During 1998 the Department was able to secure a grant from the NH Attorney Generals Office to improve communications. The grant was in the amount of \$10,000.00 and required a town match of \$1,110.00. To offset this required match a donation of \$500.00 was received from the Macy's Department Store chain. This funding allowed the Police Department to obtain 3 state of the art Motorola Digital Portable radios, and one Digital Motorola table top radio. These radios will allow communication between the police department and all surrounding towns, fire departments, ambulance services, as well as the state police and all other state agencies. Hopefully, down the road this radio system will form the nucleus of an Emergency Operations Center for the town of Dalton.

The department would like to thank you for your assistance in making the E-911 system work. Please continue to use 911 for all Emergencies. (Accident, Crimes, and other incidents that require rapid response). For all Non-Emergency matters please continue to use the business number 837-2703. Remember calling the business number for a emergency will only slow our response. For a Non-Emergency, during the evening or on weekends an Officer can be reached by calling Troop F at 846-3333.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief John E. Tholl Jr.

REPORT OF THE CANINE CONTROL OFFICER

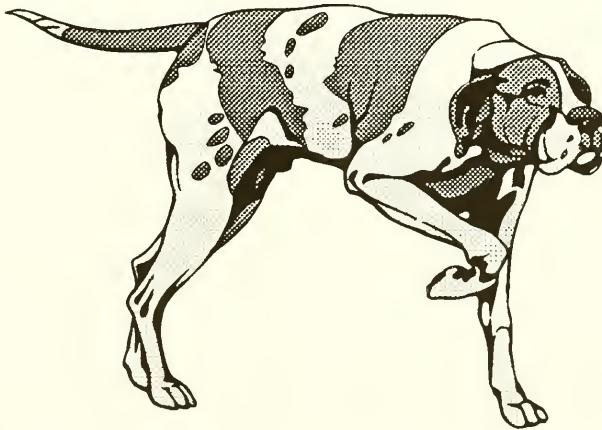
This year has not been any different as in the years past. We still have many dogs running at large, chasing deer, etc. Last spring we had a few cases reported of neglect and possible poisoning. Also, this time of year people need to be aware of the danger of antifreeze being left out and animals having access to this toxin which kills. There is also quite a few dogs in town not licensed which if not done so by April 30th you will be fined. Dogs need to be licensed at 4 months of age. We need to know these dogs are vaccinated for rabies.

We collected \$1,139.00 in fines this year and 6 outstanding cases are still waiting in court. We also licensed 306 dogs this year.

A reminder please put tags on your animal's collar with name and phone number. We also can track owners by rabies tags. Town tags should also be on collars.

Please license your dogs by April 30th.

Eldora Shannon, Canine Control Officer



TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Make no mistake about it, the days of the Bethlehem landfill where Dalton deposits its refuse are numbered. Even if they are extended temporarily, when it does close Dalton's cost per ton and per mile of hauling will rise instantly to "budget-busting" figures as we haul our loaded dumpsters further and further away as one by one the landfills and incinerators are closed down. Like all the towns around us. Dalton needs to prepare for the inevitable and to hold down costs until then.

Towns around us have switched to (or are preparing to) PAYT. "Pay As You Throw" programs which require residents to purchase town-specific trash bags in which to dispose of household trash. Sooner or later Dalton will have to make a similar decision.

BUT FIRST, we can expand our already successful recycling program to get as many of the household throw-aways as possible channeled elsewhere before being stuffed into trash bags and put in the dumpster. A town our size cannot expect to make a big profit on recycled items: we lack sufficient amounts and storage facilities to make it profitable (except for aluminum). But we can greatly reduce the amount and weight of discarded materials by recycling them into bins and onto pallets that can be picked up by larger recycling companies' trucks and taken away for free (saving us the cost of transporting and dumping them).

Glass, aluminum (especially cans): "tin" cans, plastic milk cartons: clear and colored-clear plastic bottles: bulky plastic containers (laundry soap etc.); newspapers: glossy magazines & catalogs (removed from any plastic envelopes); and flattened corrugated cardboard are already being collected in large bins INSIDE the Transfer Station. We are hoping to expand what we collect with a couple of additional possibilities (stay tuned).

You can save tax dollars immediately by recycling these items now. Every ounce, every pound, every ton that Dalton doesn't have to pay to haul away and dump (we pay per pound and per mile!) saves your tax dollars this very minute. AND, when the day comes when Dalton has to weigh the decision to join the "Pay-As-You-Throw" program, you will already be recycling most of your heavy and bulky items. **EVERYBODY WINS!**

The Selectmen have asked me to co-ordinate Dalton's planning and action steps for recycling and for cutting refuse costs. We are already much appreciative of the help provided by Bob Wentworth and members of his crew in lifting, moving and packing recyclables. Using existing funds provided by the Conservation Commission we have started making purchases of some of the equipment we must have to operate a transfer station effectively. We will need other and more expensive pieces such as a baler and a forklift (of sufficient strength to lift the heavy pallets of materials to relocate them or to load the flatbed trucks) such a forklift could serve the Highway Department when not in use at the Transfer Station and possibly a compactor (to enable us to cram more into each dumpster that has to be hauled away).

These pieces of equipment can be purchased "refurbished" or even leased (whichever turns out to make most sense) and ultimately they will pay for themselves in dollars saved by recycling (and reducing the amount of what gets hauled away). But we will need to lay out funds up front to make the purchases, and that will take the appropriation of tax dollars, whether to establish a Reserve Fund for equipment purchase or to make outright purchases. That is why I have asked that the Selectmen include an article on this year's warrant for Town meeting to create such a Reserve Fund.

No matter what Dalton does, it will cost money. Doing nothing will cost us heavily further down the line when the nearest landfill closes (increasing costs dramatically and forcing us to also have to buy all the needed equipment all at once. Surely it makes sense to plan for and put money aside for that we're going to have to do in the foreseeable future!

I am committed to making procedures at our Transfer Station more user-friendly by making changes that will speed up access when townspeople have large items or construction/demolition materials to dispose. I am also committed to closing the loophole that allows people with Dalton dump stickers to bring into Dalton refuse items that were generated in other towns (because it's presently cheaper to do so in Dalton) that practice simply isn't fair. Dalton taxpayers should not be expected to pay for refuse brought in from other towns. It's YOUR tax dollars we're talking about!

I welcome your suggestions and invite your participation in this planning and instituting process. We are in this together.

By the way: did you get your new red dump sticker yet at the Town Clerk's office? They're mandatory.

Dick Rush. Recycling Co-Ordinator (837-9869)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Conservation Commission is charged with maintaining the list of and seeking to protect the quality of the Town's natural assets. In particular, the Commission, in an advisory role to the Selectmen, reviews all wetlands applications (construction, logging, culvert installation etc.) to make sure they comply with existing state regulations for wetlands. As my predecessor wrote a year ago: "We would rather help up front during the planning stages" than to find ourselves in an adversarial position after-the-fact. By all means: ask us "before".

This year, as numerous issues pertaining to the collection and disposition of Dalton residents' trash became increasingly pertinent, the Commission took a direct interest in the procedures and needs of our Dalton Transfer Station. There is no doubt in our minds that these issues of recycling and refuse removal will demand dramatically more attention and tax dollars over the next several years. Dalton needs to plan for what is coming!

Previous Chairman John York, after a number of years of concentrated work for this Commission, tendered his resignation. Let it be a matter of record that Dalton thanks him for his efforts and hard work. Other members still service are Mrs. Agnes Mooney, Charles Davisson, Dean Sweeney and myself. There is an empty chair at our table awaiting another volunteer who, as we do, believes that citizens of a town owe that Town something in addition to their taxes: their willingness to do some of the Town's work as volunteers. Feel free to join us!

The Conservation Commission meets in the basement of the Town Hall near the Town Clerk's Office on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to everyone.

Richard L. Rush, Chairman
837-9869

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

This past year again has seen a very slow time for the Board. Therefore, I have requested a reduction in our budget, for the coming year. There were a total of three subdivisions in 1998, which included a total of 412.54 acres. We had one lot line adjustment involving 2.66 acres and one lot line revocation consisting of 17.96 acres.

The area of gravel pits was inactive on our part. Although, the State of New Hampshire informed us of expansion of two pits already in operation. They are the Saunders Brothers Pit on Route 142, and the J.W. Chipping lot located off Route 116.

The Board worked along with the Board of Selectmen to send out notices to several landowners on upgrading their septic systems and most of them have done so as of this date.

The Board of Selectmen have reappointed Victor St.Cyr as the ex-officio member to the Board. They also have re-appointed Agnes Mooney to a three year term on the Board. The Planning Board voted to have myself be the Chairman of the Board for another year.

The Planning Board has gone through many changes over the past 30 years plus. Some members come and stay for awhile and others stay a long time because of their dedication to the welfare of the Town. The Board has been progressive and restrained not to over regulate to discourage growth. We are a bedroom type community and hopefully we can maintain that status in the future. To everyone who has served on this Board, I salute you and to anyone else who would like to serve as a member.

Leon A. Cloutier, Chairman

1998 LIBRARIAN REPORT

CIRCULATION:

Adult Materials	1426
Children's Materials	1584
Inter-Library Loan	383
Magazines, Videos, etc.	<u>450</u>
TOTAL CIRCULATION:	3843

Materials borrowed	
from other libraries	342
New Borrowers	8
Regular Hours Open	482
Volunteer hours-Open	196

Programs	11
Program attendance	158

ACCESSIONS:

Adult materials	105
Children's materials	171
Video / Audio	11
Periodicals	<u>9</u>
TOTAL ACCESSIONS:	296
Total Materials in Library	7700

The library held it's second Annual DALTON MOUNTAIN MUD RUN in April. The weather was raining and mud was not a problem for the racers. The same number of racers attended this year as last year. Contributions were down and expenses were higher so the purchase of a new copier was not met. The recognition the library receives during this event has been outstanding. We wish to thank all those organizations and citizens who help with the event.

Children come to the library each week throughout the summer and participate in storyhours and crafts. Twenty-three children read 179 books in this year's reading program CAMP READ•A•LOT. Special thanks are extended to Mike Sullivan and Nancy

Scroggins, two storytellers whom provided the library with donated programs for the children.

I attended the New Hampshire Library Association (NHLA) Conference in May; the New England Library Association (NELA) Conference in October and several state and local library related meetings throughout the year.

Funds for the copier amount to \$943.00 so far. The profits from the Mud Run are being saved for this purpose. Other fundraising efforts for binding our Town Reports are being raised with the Memory Tree money, which amounts to a total of \$321.00 so far. If you have any old Town Reports to donate to the library for our collection, please drop them off at the library.

Many thanks are extended to the parents whom helped with this year's entire program. The support and encouragement of the community has been outstanding. We wish to thank all our friends for their donated books, magazines, gifts and time to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
DORIS MITTON, Librarian

Trustees

JEAN ABBOTT
NANCY COMEAU
AMBER MCGUIRE

HOURS: Mon 2-5; Wed 2-5 and 6:30-8:30; and Sat 10 - noon.

DALTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 31, 1998

Beginning balance: Jan. 1, 1998 \$ 3904.10

INCOME:

Town Appropriation	\$8700.00
Fees & Donations	72.38
Book Sales	212.25
NHCL cookbooks	96.00
Memory Tree	129.50
Ladies Aid Sale	70.00
Interest	18.51
Book Rack / T-shirts	26.00
Mud Run	<u>1770.00</u>

Total Income 11094.64

EXPENSES:

Salary	\$4500.00
Payroll Taxes	344.25
Conferences & Education	319.00
Administrative Expenses	400.00
Association Dues	70.00
Telephone	1238.72
Equipment Maintenance	69.48
Supplies	206.20
Books & Materials	1203.78
Programs	70.93
Equipment (telephone, file cabinet)	139.99
Mud Run	<u>1305.07</u>

Total Expenses 9867.42

Ending balance: Dec. 31, 1998 \$ 5131.32

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND:	1/1/98	\$361.21
	Interest	<u>10.08</u>
	12/31/98	371.29

Jean Abbott, Treasurer

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. is once again seeking your support through town funding of our local Community Contact office in Lancaster.

We are requesting funding level with last year's amount of \$800.00.

This money is spent on operational costs of maintaining a presence in the area. Your funding is combined with that of the Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance monies through the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, and the new Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant. It is not used to cover salaries.

The residents of Dalton received \$21,755.25 in assistance during the fiscal year through programs offered by Tri-County CAP. Emergency Assistance - \$690 Food Assistance \$600. Fuel Assistance - \$20,465.25

In addition to the many financial resources offered, the Community Contact office serves as a center of information and referral for area residents.

We appreciate your continued support of our program and look forward to working with you in the coming year to benefit Dalton residents.

Amy Sawyer Fogg
Community Contact Office
Lancaster, NH

Weeks Home Health Services 1998 Annual Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Weeks Home Health Services, we want to report to the residents of Dalton that 1998 was a year of change and challenges in home health care...and to thank you for your continued support and caring. Without your investment in the agency and its Mission, we could not have served so many residents of the North Country residents.

This year was probably the most dramatic and difficult year in the history of home care. Hundreds of home care agencies across the nation have been forced to close operations. With the changes in Medicare reimbursement to the Interim Payment System (IPS), cost limits per patient have been implemented. Fortunately, Weeks Home Health Services has been able to operate within the Medicare cost limits by effective case management and by transferring patient care to other programs such as Senior Council on Aging (SCOA) and Title XX. This can only be a short term solution. The future challenge for the agency (the State and the nation) is to develop effective long-term programs which will meet the needs of the frail, sick elderly in their own homes...in place of the more restricted choice of institutional care.

To further compound the changes, additional Medicare requirements have been placed on the agency: OASIS (an outcome-based assessment with 97 data elements), Sequential Billing (which delays payment for services) and Requests for Case Documentation (Which requires numerous hours of copying, submitting appeals, and the reduction of patient care time).

But many positive events have occurred during the year. The agency passed the survey by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and is accredited for the next 3 years. The agency joined the Rural Home Care Network, a collaboration of 14 rural home health agencies working towards joint contracting. In combination with the hospital, the agency has signed an agreement with HBOC (a software company) to provide computerized clinical services; it

won't be long before home health nurses will be documenting services directly onto a laptop computer.

The agency has submitted its application for Medicare Hospice Certification and is in the midst of the review process. The agency will work together with Hospice of the Lancaster Area to better serve the terminally ill.

The Agency's professional and para-professional staff provided excellent care to 243 patients. There are 4 supervisory/billing staff; 5 registered nurses; 11 home health aides; 5 homemakers; and 6 companions. The agency contracts for physical, occupational and speech therapies, and medical social services. It's a great team! During the last year, the agency provided 5,637 nursing visits; 10,494 home health aide visits; 1034 therapy visits; 70 medical social service visits; and 33,832 (1/2 hour) units by homemakers and companions.

Particular to the town of Dalton, the agency provided a total of 1965 home visits/units of service: 260 visits by registered nurses; 40 visits for rehabilitation therapy and medical social services; 207 visits by home health aides; and 1458 (1/2 hour) units by homemaker-companions.

In conclusion and in the midst of so many changes, Weeks Home Health Services is committed to providing the best possible care to the communities we serve. A very special thanks to our staff, to our Board of Directors, to the hospital Trustees and administration, and to the Towns which support our programs.

Bob Fink, MSW, Executive Director

LUNENBURG, GILMAN, CONCORD SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER REPORT

The Senior Center, independently run, is located on Riverside Avenue in Gilman, Vermont.

Our kitchen served 12,000 meals this year to people 60 years old and their spouses. This includes Homebound deliveries in Lunenburg, Gilman, Concord, East Concord, and Guildhall. Congregate and Homebound meals are served Tuesdays-Fridays.

Homebound meals are delivered by volunteers, with their vehicles. the Area Agency gives them a mileage reimbursement. The Van is still used to deliver also.

An advocate from the Area Agency on Aging in St.Johnsbury, is available monthly to help people with food stamps, fuel assistance, tax rebates, Medicaid/Medicare and Social Security. Information is available by calling the Center at (802) 892-6616 or the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-642-5119.

The Center sponsors many events that are open to the public. On the third Saturday of every month at 5:00 pm a Potluck Supper. Footcare Clinics/Blood Pressure Clinics, provided by Caledonia Home Health Care, are held on the first Thursday of every month from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Cholesterol screening is also available.

The Center provides "Senior-cise", group exercises for seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 am. The fourth Thursday of each month is "Bookmarks" at the Balch Library in Lunenburg. Programs, books and refreshments on special occasions are available through this program.

Share sign-up is available monthly as are USDA commodities. For more information call (802) 892-6616.

Our famous "Boutique" is open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Clothing donations are gratefully accepted and all sales are on a donation basis.

Continued community support for the Center will go a long way to help keep services for the elderly available, where and when they are needed. For more information call (802)892-6616.

Arnold Forest,Chairman of the Board



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The Chamber has had a very busy and rewarding year.

We have seen an increase of one new business a week in our membership over the last six months.

Our participation in the newly formed Great North Woods Tourist Region has proven to be very productive.

By the State placing the new Great North Woods signs at every entrance to this Region, they have indicated a firm commitment to the promotion of this area.

This designation of the newest and 7th Region within the State will provide us with what we have been missing in the past. A definite identity that Tourists will be able to relate to.

We as a Chamber continue to promote and support the Mount Washington Regional Airport because we see it as a valuable asset for all of the Communities in this Region. As an example, the Airport served as a base of operations in the successful search and find of a downed aircraft in the Randolph area. The Civil Air Patrol Unit stationed at the Airport proved to be a very valuable asset in the search by performing their duties in a professional manner.

The Chamber's participation in the Antique Car Club Tour proved to be very successful, with many statements of appreciation by the Car Club Members.

We have scheduled our 2nd Sled Dog Race for this year, but have taken the precaution of scheduling a second date in February in case of poor conditions.

We have moved the Chamber to a new home. The historic old Court House at 148 Main Street, Lancaster, NH. Our office is located on the first floor. This seems to be a very good location in as far as this building served as the center of the court system for Coos County for many years.

Chamber Office hours will be: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 AM to Noon. The phone number is (603) 788-2530. The best indication of what the Chamber wants to express is: "Together we can make a difference"

Sincerely,

Donald F. Mooney
Chamber Director

REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT ONE

As one of your elected officials, I am honored to report to you as a member of the New Hampshire Executive Council. This five member elected body acts much like a board of directors of your New Hampshire State Government in the Executive Branch.

In my twentieth year representing this District with 98 towns and four cities, there are many changes I've seen and been a part of in the past. My focus in this report to you is toward the future and some suggestions on how you as citizens might be encouraged to participate in the future.

The following are some ideas and suggestions. The Governor and Council have a constitutional and lawful duty to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteer citizens. If you are interested in serving on one or more of these volunteer posts, please send me your resume at the State House and I'll see that it is passed on to Kathy Goode, governor Shaheen's liaison to the Executive Council, or you may wish to send them directly to the Governor's Office, State House, 107 North main Street, Concord, NH 03301.

Other resources available to your town/city/county include 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) through the Community Development Block Grant program at the Office of State Planning. Call Jeff Taylor at 271-2155 to see if your town or area qualifies.

Annually there is available some 10 million dollars (\$10,000,000) available through the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office for innovative programs for drug and law enforcement, stress programs dealing with youth at risk, assistance to victims, and special programs for victims of domestic violence. For information call Mark Thompson at 271-3658.

Communities may request assistance through the NH National Guard Army, General John Blair's Office, for services such as a Drug Detection Dog, Community Presentations on Drug Demand Education and Career Direction Workshops. Telephone number is 225-1200.

The Office of Emergency Management at telephone number 1-800-852-3792 is the proper call when an emergency develops in your area such as floods, high winds, oil spills and ice jams.

State and Federal Surplus items may be purchased at minimum cost. Call Art Haeussler at 271-2602 for a list and newsletter.

In New Hampshire Correctional Industries, there are many products and services of use to towns, cities and counties such as street signs vehicle decals, printing, car repair, furniture and data entry services, including webb page development, call Peter McDonald at 271-1875.

People and business looking for work - vocation rehabilitation, job training programs should call NH Employment Security at 1-800-852-3400.

NH Department of Environmental Services has available 20% grants for water/waste water projects and landfill closure projects, revolving loans for water/waste water and landfill closure, and also money for Household Waste Collection days call 271-2905. State Revolving Loans has available around 35 to 50 million dollars (\$34,000,000 to \$50,000,000) per year. For information call 271-3505.

Oil Funds - There are five petroleum funds which cover: oil spill cleanup and emergency response; reimbursement for cleanup by owners of: motor fuel underground and above ground tanks; heating oil facilities (primary home owners); and, motor oil storage facilities (service stations and automobile dealers). For information call 271-3644. Further, there is a municipal grant fund for construction of used oil collection facilities and operator training. For information call 271-2942.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days - Annual grants to cities and towns for collection of household hazardous waste provide dollar for dollar matching funds up to a total of 50% of the costs incurred. For further information call 271-2047.

NH Health & Human Services Department has numerous division, providing a variety of services and assistance...mental health, public health, children and youth, etc. All of these may be obtained by calling 1-800-852-3345.

All of your New Hampshire State Government can be accessed by the general phone number at 271-1110 and throughout the State Webster Internet <http://www.state.nh.us>. Your New Hampshire Government is at your service please call my office anytime I can be of help. (271-3632 and e-mail: rburton@gov.state.nh.us).

Raymond S. Burton
State House 271-3632

North Country Council Report

As North Country Council completed its 25th year of operation in 1998, we recalled working with the 279 local boards in the North Country in the completion of over 1300 projects since 1973. Starting as an organization that served five towns in 1973, NCC's membership now encompasses 47 towns, 23 unincorporated places and 2 counties, more political jurisdictions than any other regional planning commission in the state. With this growth in membership, we have seen some extraordinary changes in the last twenty-five years.

In 1973, a first class stamp was 8 cents. A local phone call involved dialing the last four digits of the number on a rotary dial phone. A telephone in a car was the stuff of Dick Tracy. Some of us had photocopy machines, nobody had personal computers yet alone fax machines. A hand held calculator was both a \$100 luxury and a technological marvel.

Hundreds in the North Country worked in shoe and glove factories, many more worked in wood products industries. Employees at Lincoln's paper mill outnumbered workers at Loon Mountain. Ski area operators prayed for natural snow. Snowmobiles were slow, awkward contraptions. A job at a local bank was a lifetime position, and those banks often made loans to established customers on a handshake. General practitioners delivered all the babies in the region; obstetricians and most other specialists were based in Hanover or further south.

Main Streets were dotted with Woolworths and Newberrys. Local dairies left milk in a metal box on your doorstep. Subsidized housing for elderly and families was a novelty. Industrial Parks were in the dream stage. Municipal sewage treatment plants were rudimentary, if they existed at all. At dusk, you could go to the local town dumps and watch foraging bears. There were fewer than five master plans in all 51 North Country towns.

There were five traffic lights in the entire 3500 square mile region of the North Country. Except for an isolated section in Littleton, the four lane, 70 mph interstate ended in Lincoln. After 9 p.m., you couldn't buy gas or a cup of coffee north of exit 23. A long distance drive in Coos County after 9:00 p.m. meant utter solitude. Route 115 from Jefferson to Carroll was a trucker's ordeal. Congestion on Route 16 through the Conways was an occasional summertime annoyance.

We had no VCR's no video stores and no satellite dishes. If we had any TV reception at all, we received channel 8 and a fuzzy channel 3. Few towns were equipped with cable and few of the people in those towns were connected to it. We packed gyms for basketball games and town halls for town meetings. Today, community gatherings are more sparsely attended. We gained ESPN, but we also lost something too.

It seems that, advances in communication and transportation made us less remote from the world but cruelly, they have made us more remote from our own communities. We are now more likely to e-mail someone across the country than we are to have our next door neighbor in for a cup of coffee. Big highways have brought us more visitors. Although they come more frequently, those visitors tend to stay for shorter intervals. Moreover, today's visitors seem to demonstrate less stewardship of the North Country. When people are less rooted in a place, they are less likely to invest time to make that place better. Yet, the changes and social upheaval we have witnessed cannot be blamed wholly on new technology and infrastructure.

Since 1973, Washington overhauled policies governing banking, energy, environment, international trade and myriad other aspects of our daily life. The impact of new legislation on "community fabric" and local enterprise was deep and far-reaching. Banks and health care providers changed drastically. Some towns sprouted second homes and condominiums while other towns clung tenaciously to mainstay manufacturers and watched those manufacturers decline, disappear or reinvent themselves entirely. Old jobs vanished and new ones emerged. During this time of pervasive economic and social change, NCC helped to write more than 40 master plans with our member towns to guide or limit growth or just to help a town get a handle

on its destiny.

The North Country Council is not the same organization it was in 1973, anymore than your town is the same as it was. As you town and its needs changed over the years, our role and response has changed. For example, we will always advocate better roads, rails and trails, but now we endeavor to showcase local landscapes, history and cultural heritage, to get people out of their cars, and to encourage other modes of transportation. Changing times summon new initiatives. Twenty five years ago we worked primarily with municipalities in housing and community planning. Now we also work with social service organizations, health care providers, school districts and non profits to meet new needs. In 1973, our infrastructure work program was focused exclusively on sewer systems, water systems and storm drainage systems, to bring them into compliance with newly established federal regulations. Now, as challenges ranging from solid waste to economic development resist local solutions, our focus has become more regional. In 1999, one of our primary infrastructure goals in to strengthen community, build economic base, supplement our education and health care delivery and encourage a well-informed citizenry by upgrading telecommunication capacity in the region.

The last twenty-five years left NCC with rich legacies. We have an expert knowledge of the North Country and its interface with Concord and Washington. Half of the staff at the Council are North Country natives and the other half have lived here more than half of their lives. Our staff knows what works in the North Country and how to get things done. We have learned to seek incremental improvements through sharing information, evaluating policies, holding forums, building partnerships, linking agencies, informing citizens and state/federal officials, providing technical support and securing funds. Twenty-five years of experience has give us the knowledge and the technology to serve you better. These legacies are the promise of our next twenty-five years of service.

Respectfully submitted:

Preston S. Gilbert

GREAT NORTH WOODS

On February 18, 1998, The State of New Hampshire created a new seventh region; this region is called the Great North Woods. The Great North Woods is comprised of all New Hampshire north of and including the towns of Dalton, Whitefield, Lancaster, Kilkenny and Success (unincorporated areas) and the City of Berlin.

The Select Boards of the included towns, the City Council of Berlin, and the Commissioners and Legislative Delegation of Coos County on behalf of all the unincorporated places have registered overwhelming support. In addition, all relevant departments and divisions of State government, as well as, local chambers of commerce and other associations and businesses directly interested have demonstrated wonderful support and cooperation. People, agencies, and organization throughout Coos County and the State have come together and formed the Great North Woods Region Association.

As we wrap up the Great North Woods Region Association's (GNWRA) first year of real work, I'd like to share my brief reflection about where we have been and where we are going. I also want to thank you and all the Great North Woods friends and supporters, for helping us as we strive to better understand the Great North Woods, it's place in the world, and the role of the GNWRA.

To guide us, the GNWRA has been following a set of principles that, we hope, can shape a better world. Here are some of the first steps we have taken this year:

(1) Strengthen connections among people and places - The essence of the GNWRA's work is to strengthen people's connections with each other and the place that binds us all together - the Great North Woods. In everything we do, we strive to build and support these connections.

(2) Celebrate heritage and culture - We focus on the heritage and culture of the Great North Woods and seek to increase awareness and understanding of the region through promotion. Promotion efforts include presence in the NH Guidebook, new signs at points of entry into the region, and promotion within local chambers of commerce.

(3) Work through cooperation and collaboration - The GNWRA works by building connections and relationships among people and communities within the Great North Woods; by doing this, we strive to achieve things beyond the capability of an individual. The GNWRA has reached out to many organizations and individuals to build networks and partnerships that are needed to ensure that our ideas lead to constructive economic, cultural, and environmental rewards.

Everything we have done in our inaugural year is only a start, the first steps on a long journey. We are deeply grateful to all of you - the many people and organizations who have joined enthusiastically with us in this first year. Thank you to our friends, supporters, funders, and collaborators. We look forward to working with you in 1999 and beyond.

We are dedicated believers in working regionally - at a scale small enough that people can make sense of it yet large enough that we can have some influence on broader economic and social concerns. We believe that finding and building on common interests is a paramount concern of the GNWRA. Yet, a vision alone is not enough. We must also take specific steps, with a wide range of people, which will move us ahead. Any individual, organization, or community that seeks to gain from the effective promotion of the Great North Woods is strongly encouraged to attend the quarterly meetings of the GNWRA. These meeting dates and times can be accessed through your local Chamber of Commerce.

There is a report available which details an in-depth narrative regarding the works of the Great North Woods Region Association and its accomplishments. This report is available through your local Chamber of Commerce. With business and communities all doing a fair share, the Great North Woods will be recognized as New Hampshire's greatest treasure.

We thank you for your time and efforts regarding this matter. Please feel free to call me at 788-3900 if there are any further questions.

In support of the Great North Woods,

Lisa Maxwell
Secretary/Treasurer

THE CALEB GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICES PARTNERSHIP

1998 was a very successful year for The Caleb Group's Community Services Partnership Volunteer Caregiver Program. A total of 165 volunteers help 207 people in the five-town area of Whitefield, Lancaster, Jefferson Twin Mountain and Dalton.

An astonishing 6,097 hours were donated by the volunteers, who helped their older neighbors with such things as friendly visiting and telephone reassurance, chores, paperwork, and safety checks, and transportation for shopping, errands and medical appointments. In 1998, the Community Service Partnership Volunteer Caregivers Program was recognized by Governor Jeanne Shaheen as the outstanding volunteer program in Coos County.

The Volunteer Caregiver Program enables the frail elderly to remain in their homes. Without this service, any of those people who need just a little extra help to continue living independently might otherwise have to go into nursing homes. In 1998, the Volunteer Caregiver Program assisted 149 women and 58 men. Of that number, 143 were low-income.

In other statistics, 99 of the individuals helped lived alone, another 84 lived with their spouse or other family members, and the remainder (24) were in other living situations, such as a nursing home. The largest number of those helped--90 men and women--fell into the 76- to 89-year old age bracket. Another 65 people were age 60 to 74, and 25 were 90 years old or older. The remaining number of people receiving services (27) were age 59 or younger.

The Caleb Group's volunteers also provide other services for the area's elderly citizens, through such things as the commodity supplemental food program and delivering meals to the homebound. At the Highland House computer lab, volunteers also provide training for seniors who want to learn how to use computers.

Throughout the year, The Caleb Group volunteers and staff acted as a resource to the community by providing coordination of services for elders and their family members when they needed assistance in finding the right services to enable them to remain in their homes and independent as long as possible. The Caleb Group compliments, but doesn't duplicate, the work provided by the other agencies which also offer services for the elderly.

There is no charge for any of the services that the Community Services Partnership Volunteer Caregiver Program provides. The program is funded through grants, donations and the generous appropriations of the towns in which the services are provided. As the Community Services Partnership program enters its fourth year, we want to once again thank the residents of Dalton for their support and for making it possible to continue to provide these much needed services to the area's elders. The \$1,500 appropriated at last year's Town Meeting was greatly appreciated and we ask for your continued support in 1999.

Anyone who is interested in receiving caregiver services or who is interested in becoming a volunteer caregiver is encouraged to call the Highland House office at 837-9179 or talk to anyone on the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
Roxie Severance, Program Director

Board of Directors

Eleanor Brauns, Twin Mountain	Elinor Hennessey, Whitefield
Harriet Chamberlain, Dalton	Francis Matott, Whitefield
Rev. Peter Coffin, Lancaster	Tony Poekert, Dalton
Tom Gage, Twin Mountain	Lydia Sierpina, Twin Mountain
Martha Hardiman, Whitefield	Lois Spotholz, Jefferson

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER	PLACE OF BIRTH
Feb 25	Faith Catherine	Kyle A. MacBean	Nancy D. Ardolino	Littleton, NH
Aug 26	Jordan Denise	Aaron L. Packard	Candace M. Holmes	Lancaster, NH
Dec 04	Pauleena Marie	Kostantinos Kapoukranidis	Carol S. Pierson	Dalton, NH

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998**

DATE	NAME OF GROOM	RESIDENCE	NAME OF BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Apr 27	Brett E. Hucksoll	Dalton, NH	Amy A. Meyer	Dalton, NH
May 23	Mitchell D. Sweeney	Lisbon, NH	Angela M. Rowell	Lisbon, NH
May 30	Scott A. Lynaugh	Dalton, NH	Wendy M. Hood	Dalton, NH
Jun 06	Dale B. Fisher	Littleton, NH	Marie L. Pilotteo	Dalton, NH
Jun 27	Walter W. Morton III	Dalton, NH	Deborah A. Burlock	Dalton, NH
Jul 12	John A. Leno, Sr.	Dalton, NH	Rose M. LaRose	Dalton, NH
Sep 12	Darren J. Peavey	Lancaster, NH	Debbie L. Coultter	Lancaster, NH
Sep 20	Edward R. Alenckis	Whitefield, NH	Maureen E. Kennedy	Dalton, NH
Oct 31	John A. Letson	Littleton, NH	Tammy J. York	Littleton, NH
Nov 15	Richard I Green, Jr.	Dalton, NH	Elizabeth L. Watkins	Dalton, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DALTON, N.H.
for the Year Ending December 31, 1998

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
Feb 06	Henry J. Spaulding	Dalton, NH	Unknown	Unknown
Mar 29	Frank H. Lennon	Lebanon, NH	Henry Lennon	Edith Bean
May 02	George Dupont, Sr.	Lancaster, NH	John Dupont	Mildred Dugdale
Jul 09	Roberta C. Mason	Lebanon, NH	Carl Corum	Lois Dexter



Rita Blakslee

The Selectmen would like to show their appreciation to Rita Blakslee for her many, many years of devoted service as Auditor by dedicating this year's Town Report to her. Rita has been keeping our "figures" straight for a long time.

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Photo by John Letson

**Selectmen Donald Mooney, Victor St. Cyr and Dean Sweeney
presenting the Boston Post Cane to Zenaide Bradley**



Coos County Democrat — photo by Jill Brooks

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the John's River Bridge Project

